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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

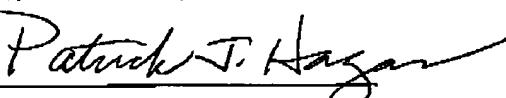
A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR § 1.121) was issued May 3, 2005 in the above-identified patent application. The May 3<sup>rd</sup> Notice set a one (1) month time period in which to resubmit the corrected section of applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration which was filed November 12, 2004. Accordingly, the initial, unextended response period is due to expire June 3, 2005.

In response to the aforementioned Notice, submitted herewith is the entire "Amendment to the Claims" section of the November 12, 2004 Amendment and request for Reconsideration, which complies with 37 CFR § 1.121. Entry of this "Amendment to the Claims" section, which is being resubmitted before the expiration of the initial, unextended response period, is hereby requested.

In the event that a fee is required in connection with the consideration of the present amendment the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is again respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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